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INSIDE WASHINGTON

THUNDERJET RATED HIGH — It hasn't gotten the headlines because the World War II Lockheed Shooting Star had a running start. But the Republic Thunderjet is the Air Force's jet "sweetheart" now.

Air Force chiefs are enthusiastic about the plane's easy controllability and outstanding stability. It has been learned that in all the hundreds of hours of flight testing only two pilots have been killed.

This is an unusually low cost in life in the testing of new warplanes, especially jets which still aren't fully understood.

DEMOCRATIC SENATE? — Practically no realistic Democrat believes the Truman-Barkley ticket will win in November. But they have fervent hopes of capturing control of the Senate.

They would have to pick up four seats now held by Republicans. There are 18 GOP places to be filled and the Democrats feel that if they can enter strong candidates in selected spots they may have an outside chance of winning.

With Senator Barkley as No. 2 man on the national list, the Democrats see a possible victory in Kentucky where Senator Cooper, Republican, is up for election.

ICKES FOLLY? — The government has a super-de luxe radio broadcasting studio of which it would like to be rid. Authorized by former Secretary of Interior Ickes, it is located on the top floor of the new Interior building.

It has red plush carpeted floors, elaborate balconies and thick plate glass enclosures. Commercial firms can't use it because it is federal property. And no government agency wants it.

The State department turned down suggestions that it be utilized for "Voice of America" broadcasts. These programs are sent from New York and San Francisco where foreign broadcast facilities are readily available.

"TED" — A former member of the New Jersey state legislature thinks that Thomas E. Dewey's initials are just as adaptable to headlines as the familiar FDR.

But, as far as he's concerned, "TED" is only the beginning. He's trying to convince some 1,000 editors that they should expand this to "Teddy."

His idea probably doesn't have much chance of clicking. "TED" suggests "Teddy" all right. But that, in turn, suggests "Roosevelt."

And that might lead to all kinds of confusion.

POLITE SUGGESTIONS — The State department is not receiving exactly the anticipated response from its new "suggestion box." The box is set up in the ornate lobby of the new building — built originally to house the War department when Secretary George C. Marshall was chief of staff.

Above the box is an ornate sign, 10 feet high by 20 feet long, begging "any suggestions." It is all part of a new promotion plan, designed to result in the more efficient operation of the department and its foreign service.

Employees and foreign service officers may make suggestions for which they will receive from \$10 to \$1,000 in prizes.

Thus far, suggestions have asked to know why the cafeteria food couldn't be improved, why the department couldn't be moved back from its remote site in "Foggy Bottom" and similar minor matters.

The most pungent has been one addressed to Marshall, saying, "Why don't you resign?"

Tuesday evening of its founding and of the work and growth of the Home. The work of the Home in rehabilitating crippled children and children stricken with polio, has been so effective and its administration so successful that individuals, clubs, labor unions and other groups have been willing to put funds into it for carrying on the work. The Home is now filling its greatest need in that it is equipped and able to relieve the suffering of so many polio victims, while without this treatment, these children might become permanent cripples, probably many of them failing to survive at all.

That is one project that we recommend to all Jackson county citizens. Your funds, large or small, toward its operation will do much to help some one's child, probably your own.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

If you have an un-revealing spirit, a cold, unloving heart and a jealous, uncharitable prayer to get my hand, and the ceiling. A letter from a correspondent is now on my desk to which I would like to give full personal reply, but the address is lacking.

It is a long recital by a young woman, of wrong done her by a young man with whom she was deeply in love. He left her, and now she writes asking prayer that "God will make him so miserable that he can have no rest day nor night until he comes back to me and begs for mercy and forgiveness."

A prayer like that from one who breathes such a spirit can expect no answer from God. One praying such a prayer can't even get half way through the Lord's prayer, which in the middle reads, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Such a prayer, however, does bring an answer, but one of an entirely different sort. Hatred, bitterness, and an unforgetting spirit are deadly poisons, which not only dry up the springs of happiness, but bring one toward a premature grave.

We think of love and hate as qualities of disposition, but they are far more than that. They are dynamic emotions which enrich or destroy life.

When we enter a room or join a group of people where they hate one another, we can quickly feel it in a sense of friction.

When we go into a home where there is love and understanding the atmosphere too is apparent and uplifting. I often sense both as I move around among people. I can even feel, when I go into large groups whether they are friendly or hostile.

It is told that among certain

Walter B. Thomas Named Head Of Odell School

Walter B. Thomas, son of Mrs. Isola Thomas of Sylva, and a former resident of Sylva, has accepted the principalship of the W. R. Odell school in western Cabarrus county, and with his wife and four year old daughter, has gone there to make his home and assume his duties.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers college and completed his work for his Master's degree at the University of North Carolina at the end of the recent six weeks summer school at that institution.

Walter, as he is known to his many friends here, goes to his new job highly recommended from W.C.T.C., U. N. C., the county board of education Forsyth county, where he taught for eight years and from the board of education in Cherokee, having been principal of the Hiwassee Dam school for the past five years.

Nick Hennessee, editor of the Concord Tribune, writes Mr. Thomas that he is to be congratulated upon being chosen principal of the Odell school. He succeeds J. C. Purser who resigned recently to become principal of the David Townsend school in Davidson county.

primitive tribes in Africa there is a custom of causing the death of an enemy by making an image of him, then sticking pins or spears into what would be the vital spot if it were the actual victim. Then they see to it that word of this reaches him, while they concentrate all of their hatred upon him. Travelers among these savages tell us the method worked, and explain that it is probably fear on the part of the one who is hated that brings on death.

Fear, hatred, jealousy, bitterness, if-pity are all deadly poisons. Those who cultivate such slowly kill all happiness and contentment out of their lives, eventually committing suicide, although they may actually die of some disease. Back of that disease is a deadly emotional poison.

The writer of this letter will get a terrible answer to her prayer unless she changes her attitude. God gave an answer to this when He said, "Love your enemies; pray for them which spitefully use you."

TIMBER TALKS

By W. C. HENNESSEE

This issue and the two following will contain information principally for the farmer who plans to do some timber cutting during the "lay by" season. First, we will suggest the best and simplest means of selecting trees that are to be cut, second, how to tell how much volume is in each tree, and third, how to determine how much the tree is worth.

To begin with, let us assume you have forty acres of timber. You want to know whether the timber is ready to be cut. Here is a good rule of thumb to follow in determining your answer. (1) Are many of the large trees dead in the tops? (2) Are the white oak and poplar twenty-two inches large in diameter, the red oaks and chestnut oak eighteen inches, the post oak, scarlet oak and hickory sixteen inches? (3) Do the trees stand closer together than the average diameter plus six feet (for example twenty-eight feet apart for twenty-two inch white oak, twenty-four feet for eighteen inch red oak, etc)? If the answers to all of these questions is "yes" a portion of your timber is ready to be harvested and you should make immediate plans to begin logging. Before you do any actual logging, though, you will want to know how much to cut and where to sell it. The next issue will tell how the volume of trees is measured. Every tree is a money tree when properly harvested.

LET'S KEEP JACKSON COUNTY GREEN!

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear mother, also for the beautiful floral offering. Aunt Ellis Bryson's Family.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has again urged farmers to increase the nation's future meat supply by holding back, rather than selling, enough bred sows and gilts now on hand to increase the fall pig crop by at least 10 per cent.

Nantahala National Forest Paying Dividends In Timber

Schools and roads in seven North Carolina counties will share in the income resulting from the cutting of timber on the Nantahala National Forest during the fiscal year ended June 30, E. W. Renshaw, Forest Supervisor, reported today. The outstanding record of accomplishment during the war and post war years has been maintained in a very satisfactory manner, Supervisor Renshaw declared.

He said that private operators, cut 42 million board feet of timber for which they paid the federal government \$101,000. This compares with almost identical volume cuts during Fiscal Years 1946 and 1947. It is the third time in the history of the Forest that timber sale receipts have exceeded a hundred thousand dollars.

On a regional-state basis, the National Forests of North Carolina, the Nantahala and Pisgah, ranked third in the Southern Region with a combined cut of 65,453,000 board feet valued at \$257,300. North Carolina was out ranked only by the Mississippi National Forests with a cut of 91,140,000 board feet and Arkansas with a cut of 67,982,000 board feet.

Sometime in January, seven counties in which the Nantahala National Forest is located will receive approximately \$25,000 of the year's timber income, since 25% of gross receipts from the National Forests is returned to the state in lieu of taxes for distribution to the counties in which the National Forests lie. Another 10%, \$10,000, will be available to the Forest Service for construction and maintenance of roads within the Forest. The balance is returned by the U. S. Treasury, the Supervisor stated.

Among the larger purchasers of sawtimber were Zickgraf Lumber Company, Franklin, N. C., Lake Tax-way Lumber Company, Englewood Lumber Company, and General Lumber Company of Asheville, N. C., and W. M. Ritter Lumber Company, Hayesville, N. C. A large portion of the timber volume cut from the Forest was in the form of chestnut extracted wood, which was consumed by Champion Paper and Fibre Co., Mead Corporation and Teas Extract Company. More important than the stumpage values paid into the U. S. Treasury and returned to the counties is the estimated \$1,400,000 which was paid out in the National Forest Counties for labor and services in logging and processing this timber.

Mr. Renshaw said that the U. S. Forest Service policy of efficient forest fire protection and good timber management practices on the National Forests is rapidly building up the Nantahala Forest to a highly productive state. This upward trend in timber production should continue for many years to come and with it will come growing support to local industries and communities dependent upon National Forest timber, he declared.

323 timber sales were made on the Nantahala National Forest during the past fiscal year.

A total of 7,437 Tar Heel farmers and veteran trainees visited the five tobacco research stations in the State on organized tours during the month of July.

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